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Chief Executive Officer

## STATUS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE II OF THE COUNTYWIDE BIOTECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

On July 19, 2011, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Director of Health Services, and other appropriate County departments to launch Phase II of a Countywide Biotechnology Partnership Program, as described in the CEO's June 29, 2011 memo, by coordinating with your Board offices to develop a statement of work (SOW) within 30 days; engaging a consultant to develop a proposed master plan; and developing a written report back to your Board with Phase II findings, the proposed master plan and recommendations.

In our March 6, 2011 report to your Board, we indicated that we worked with your offices to finalize the SOW and released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Feasibility Assessment and Master Plan for a Los Angeles Biotechnology Cluster on February 8, 2012.

This is to provide your Board with a third status report as to our efforts on Phase II of the biotech program.

In response to our RFP, proposals were received on March 9, 2012. An Evaluation Committee was established and the evaluation process was completed May 1, 2012. Our next steps include notification to the proposers and negotiations with the recommended proposer, which we anticipate will take approximately 30 days. Upon successful negotiation with the most qualified bidder, we will return to your Board for ratification of the selected bidder and we are targeting the June 19, 2012 Agenda. If ratified, we will proceed to engage the consultant.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sheila Shima at (213) 974-1160 or <a href="mailto:sshima@ceo.lacounty.gov">sshima@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>.

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